at lowest competitive rates. At times when it is felt rates are higher even open purchase from wholesale market is carried out.

(e) No. Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Performance of Co-operative Stores

7307. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the overall performance of Co-operative Stores like Super Bazar, Kendriya Bhandar, retail/static and mobile outlets of the Ministry of Civil Supplies so as to provide commodities at reasonable rates during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) the net sales and profit break-up of the said bodies during the current financial year, category-wise:

(d) what is the total quantity of foodgrains supplied/provided from central pool during the said year;

(e) whether it is a fact that there is a price gap in these organisations; and

(f) if so, what are the steps taken therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The overall performance of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar for the year 1993-94 in terms of sales and net profit is as under :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Super Bazar	Kendriya Bhandar
Sales . . .	11700	9500
Net Profit . .	40	225

Final audited figures are not yet available.

(d) No allocation of foodgrains from Central Pool has been made during the year 1993-94 to Super Bazar.

No foodgrains are supplied to Kendriya Bhandar from the Central Pool except Wheat, Rice and Sugar for distribution through fair price shops of Kendriya Bhandar. The current monthly allocation for these items made by the Office of the Commissioner, Food, Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi is as follows :—

(Qnty. in quintals)

Wheat	8432
Rice	4500
Sugar	1263

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar are registered under the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act having separate purchase and pricing policy.

Public Utility Commission on consumer affairs

7308. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL

SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are actively considering to set up a Public Utility Commission, which will be empowered to clear or veto any Ministry's decision on consumer related affairs; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Earlier, a Working Group under the aegis of the Central Consumer Protection Council, submitted a report recommending the setting up of a quasi-judicial mechanism on the pattern of Public Utilities Commissions in USA. A decision on the report has to be taken in consultation with State Governments and the concerned Ministries/Departments.

Inventory management practices of Super Bazar

7309 SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the type of inventory management practices being followed by Super Bazar and its control room:

(b) the average time taken by Super Bazar between procurement of foodgrain, furniture and other items and supply to its stores branches:

(c) whether some of the items are always out of stock and are not supplied in regular time schedule:

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Super Bazar has an inventory exceeding Rs. 2000/- crores; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Super Bazar has reported that they have fixed inventory norms for each department which inter-alia prescribe a monthly turnover ratio and the the value of inventory at a given point of time. Control room only monitors daily sales of mini branches.

(b) Super Bazar procures foodgrains by calling traders on fortnightly basis. Orders are placed as per requirement of the Regional Distribution Centres giving three days supply time.

(c) This does happen rarely when there is disruption in regular supply.

(d) (i) In case supply is not in accordance with the quality specifications.

(ii) Discontinuance of supply from manufacturing unit because of the manufacturer's own problems but in such cases Super Bazar always tries to keep the substitutes of such items.

(e) and (f) So, Sir.

Inadequate supply of wheat to Orissa

7310. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the rate at which what is presently allotted to different Sates